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TO: JCS, JACE AJCC FT RITCHIE MD

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1. (U) References:

A. JCSM-545-61 of 12 August 1961.

B. JCSM-524-61 of 7 August 1961.

2. (TS) Reply to paragraph 4 of reference 1A follows  
(subparagraph lettering is same as in paragraph 4 of reference):

A. Following plans considered adequate to support  
guidance provided:

(1) Caribbean Command Operation Order 1-59.

(2) Diagonal Bravo-Cristobal, Canal Zone - 1961  
(Harbor Defense Plan)

(3) Diagonal Bravo-Balboa, Canal Zone - 1961  
(Harbor Defense Plan)

B. None

C. (1) Guidance contain the following communist  
bloc capability.

Instigate riots and armed uprisings throughout  
Latin America to include serious attempts to overthrow pro-  
Western governments.

(2) As pertains to the Panama Canal and as  
the situation develops, recommend consideration be given to  
expanding the meaning of "bloc shipping" to include any shipping  
destined for a bloc port (reference paragraph 4 of annex A  
to appendix to reference 1B).

D. Implementation of plans in paragraph 2A above  
will be coordinated with Panama Canal Company/Government and  
CNO.

E. Additional resources required for:

(1) Caribbean Command Operation Order 1- 59:

None

(2) Diagonal Bravo-Cristobal, Canal Zone - 1961:  
1 Harbor Defense Unit.

(3) Diagonal Bravo - Balboa, Canal Zone - 1961  
1 Harbor Defense Unit.

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3. (TS) When considering possible consequences that might result from the escalation referred to in paragraph 8, of appendix to reference 1B and considering subparagraph 2C(1) above, the following CARIBCOM plans may apply in whole or in part and are considered to be adequate. Resources and coordination required are as indicated in plans:

- A. Caribbean Command Operation Plan 1 61 (awaiting JCS approval). (General War Plan)
- B. Caribbean Command Contingency Plan 2 61 (awaiting JCS approval). (Contingency plan. Specific country plans in preparation)
- C. Caribbean Command Operation Plan 3 61. (Theater Evacuation Plan)
- D.

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E.

While the contingency plans as such are adequate, CARIBCOM does not have the communications to support them. CARIBCOM contingency plans in support of pro-Western governments in LA require communications nets to be made available from CONUS. Under present conditions, and in light of JCS preliminary planning in references 1A and 1B, CARIBCOM has an immediate and urgent requirement for an adequate communications net throughout LA. This requirement is contained in CARIBCOM message CC68440CA dated 22 August 1961 which replies to JCEM 449-61 dated 1 August 1961.

4. (S) An additional requirement is the assignment to CARIBCOM of two LSTs. Developments in LA during the past six months as well as the actions contemplated in references 1A and 1B make this an immediate requirement rather than a fiscal year 1963 requirement as set forth in CARIBCOM letter CC(E)381 dated 28 April 1961, in reply to SM 289-61 dated 20 March 1961.

5. (TS) Reply to paragraph 5 of reference 1A: Any implementation of plans referred to in subparagraph 2A, above would increase readiness for general war.

6. (U) SCP 3

ACTION: JCS

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